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LOK SABHA

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FRESH WATER FISHING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any composite plan to develop fresh sweet water fishing to compete in the world market;

(b) if so. the deiiils thereof alongwiih the steps taken in this regard during the last two years; and

(e) the amount spent thereon daring the said period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURF (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) Yes. Sir.

(b)&(c): The Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaeulturc. `I`he programme of Development of Freshwater Aquacufture is being implemented in the country through 429 Fish Farmers Development Agencies (FFDAs). Considering the vast potential in the country in freshwater aquaculture for augmenting export, the Government has been promoting freshwater prawn (scampi) culture and ornamental fishes. About an average of 1300 M`` of fin fish valued at about Rs. 8.74 crores per year has been exported during the ast two years. About 36.000 MT of scampi was produced from an area of about 42.000 ha during 2003-04 in the country. Scampi worth Rs.584.60 crores and Rs.524 crores was exported in 2002-03 and 2003-04. Besides, ornamental fish worth Rs. 2.55 crores and Rs. 3.02 crores was exported during the years 2002-03 and 2003-04 respectvely. Apart from central assistance mainly for development of iinfish amounting Rs. 18.86 crores released during the years 2002-03 and 2003-04. a sum of Rs.783.48 lakhs was released for the development of farms, hatcheries etc. for promotion of scampi during the same period under another scheme.